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Applicants : Stephen V.R. Hellriegel et al.
Application No. : 10/012,210
Filed : November 5, 2001
For : ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR
STRUCTURE

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Examiner : Tuan T. Dinh
Art Unit : 2827
Docket No. : 901115.435
Date : September 15, 2004

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P.O. Box 1450
Washington, DC 20231**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2004, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on October 7, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Application No. 10/012,210
Reply to Office Action dated June 7, 2004

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiner finds minor informalities that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to contact applicants' undersigned representative at (206) 622-4900 in order to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures:

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Extension of Time
Rule 1.131 Declaration
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<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>Fee</u></th> <th><u>Small Entity Fee</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</td> <td>\$110</td> <td>\$55</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</td> <td>\$420</td> <td>\$210</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</td> <td>\$850</td> <td>\$475</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</td> <td>\$1480</td> <td>\$740</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</td> <td>\$2010</td> <td>\$1005</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>19-1090</u>. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p>				<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$110	\$55	<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$420	\$210	<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$850	\$475	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1480	\$740	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2010	\$1005
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					

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